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Mr. William F. Caton Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

> Re: CC Docket No. 92-166 EX PARTE PRESENTATION

Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Loral/Qualcomm Partnership, L.P. (an applicant for a low earth satellite authorization) is a copy of a letter sent today to Chairman Hundt by Mr. Bernard Schwartz, Chief Executive Officer of Loral Corporation.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Reed E. Hundt Chairman Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to express my appreciation for your efforts in moving along the mobile satellite services rulemaking proceeding and to congratulate you on the Commission's role in encouraging the MSS applicants to the recently announced consensus on the critical domestic spectrum sharing issue.

Loral Qualcomm subscribes fully to the domestic band sharing approach set out in the Joint Proposal and Settlement Agreement filed by the other four MSS applicants. I hope and believe that this agreement will facilitate the Commission's efforts to grant licenses for mobile satellite service in the very near future. The Big LEO concept holds great promise for economic development and quality of life improvements all over the world and will foster important high technology job creation in the United States. I know that you and your colleagues look forward to its implementation as anxiously as do we at Loral Qualcomm.

As you may know, Loral Qualcomm found itself unable to agree to all of the matters included in the Joint Proposal. You have my assurance, however, that we will continue to work with the Commission and with the other applicants to resolve any matters necessary to ease the way to a successful introduction of mobile satellite services. I have written to Chris Galvin of Motorola to extend that assurance to the other applicants as well. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your information.

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Once again, I congratulate you and your colleagues on this important development. If there is any way I can be helpful in connection with this or other matters before the Commission, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard L. Schwartz Chairman of the Board Chief Executive Officer

cc: Christopher Galvin

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Mr. Christopher B. Galvin Motorola Inc., Corporate Office 1303 E. Algonquin Road Schaumburg, IL 60196-1065

Dear Mr. Galvin:

Thank you for your letter of last Thursday addressing the Big LEO negotiations.

I am pleased to say that Loral Qualcomm is in full agreement with the approach to sharing uplink frequencies proposed by Motorola and the other three applicants in the Joint Proposal and Settlement Agreement. I understand that this is the central issue the FCC has sought to resolve on its way to licensing MSS systems, and that the agreement of all applicants will facilitate the FCC's efforts by removing concerns about mutually exclusivity. I am very pleased that we have eliminated this obstacle to the realization of the Big LEO concept, and Loral Qualcomm's agreement on domestic band sharing will be communicated to the FCC today.

Nevertheless, there are certain aspects of the Joint Proposal to which we are unable to subscribe. Our objection to the other issues stems principally from a concern that the FCC's adoption of certain items in the Joint Proposal would inhibit rather than advance global acceptance of U.S.-licensed mobile satellite systems. That is particularly the case with respect to provisions suggesting that the FCC should establish a global band sharing protocol that could be construed to preempt the sovereign decisions of other nations.

Similarly, the matter of an emissions mask, which has been of particular concern to Motorola because of Iridium's need to secure secondary down links, could be seen as the FCC's overriding WARC - '92 rulings. Finally, the proposed relaxation of financial standards needs to be equitably balanced against the FCC's concern that only viable applicants be licensed, but in any event is a criteria that can be independently addressed.

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These other issues are peripheral to the important band sharing consensus, and it is unfortunate that they have been interposed now. Nevertheless, I want to repeat my assurance that Loral Qualcomm, in the interest of compromise, stands ready to negotiate appropriate responses to these matters. We have suggestions that lead me to be optimistic that resolutions can be achieved that will avoid accusations of parochialism and will be fair to all MSS operators. You have my personal assurance of Loral Qualcomm's continuing cooperation in these efforts.

The achievement of consensus on the domestic band sharing issue makes me optimistic that the FCC will promptly grant the pending Section 319(d) waivers and to award licenses necessary for all of the applicants to proceed to making Big LEO service a reality. It also makes me optimistic that the applicants can work cooperatively at the proper times to resolve such other issues as may need to be addressed. As I indicated, we will advise the FCC of our agreement with the domestic band sharing element of the Joint Proposal, along with the reasons we find ourselves unable to join in other aspects of it. The agreement on domestic band sharing represents a significant accomplishment, and I am grateful to Motorola and the other applicants with whom we worked to attain it.

Please call me if there is anything else we might do to advance the MSS licensing process.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard L. Schwartz Chairman of the Board Chief Executive Officer

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